

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ascom Hasler Mailing Systems, Inc.  
Appl. No. : PCT/US98/23097  
Filed : October 30, 1998  
For : Technique for Generating Indicia Indicative of Payment Using  
a Postal Fund

AMENDMENT UNDER ARTICLE 34

Via Express Mail EK680467436US

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Attention: ISA/US**

Sir:

In response to the Written Opinion having a mailing date of 31 March 2000, Applicant hereby, in accordance with the provisions of Article 34, amends Figures 11 and 12, amends the specification, amends claims 1-95 and add claims 96-109. Substitute page 17, which includes amendments to the specification, and substitute pages 27-39, which include the amended claims and the new claims, are enclosed. Enclosed, also, are new corrected Figures 11 and 12.

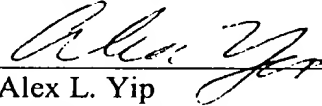
As requested by the Examiner, the documents referred to in the specification are also enclosed. More specifically,

Digital Signature Standard, FIPS PUB 186-2, May 19, 1994;

International Symbology Specification - Data Matrix, AIM International  
Technical Specification; and

USPS Information Based Indicia Program Indicia & PSD Specification,  
July 23, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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